

Walnut-Dollison Historic District  
H. M. Smith House  
809 East Walnut Street  
Springfield  
Greene County  
Missouri

HABS No. MO-1252 II

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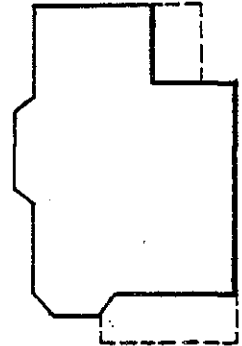
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Location: Springfield, Greene County, Missouri  
Cadastral grid : SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S24, T29N, R22W  
USGS quadrangle: Springfield Missouri 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ '  
UTM coordinates: 15.474860.4117660  
Lot dimensions : 53.3'x 200' .24 acres  
Lot description: Beginning 106' East of  
the SE corner of Lot 5 of Sheppard's  
Second Addition, E 53.3', N 191.5', W  
53.33', South to the beginning  
Present Owner: Orpha F. Dillard  
Present Usage: single family residence  
Present Condition: very good - good



Overall Dimensions: 34'x 54'; 2 stories  
Orientation : south  
Architectural Plan type : rectangular with offset projections  
Description : Foundation: coursed ashlar stone perimeter walls with brick  
under front porch  
Structure : wood frame  
Ext. walls: beveled siding with plain corner boards  
Roof: asphalt shingled, moderately pitched hipped roof  
with pedimented corner gable in southwest corner  
and hipped rear wing in northwest corner  
Dormers: large pedimented triangular dormers with shingle  
sidewalls on east and west facades  
Windows: 1/1 double-hung with plain board casings and slip  
sills  
Porches: 1-story open front porch with balcony over; 2-story  
rear open porch in northeast corner  
Details: moulded and boxed cornices with plain block modillions  
on main and dormer roofs; tapered square front porch  
columns with square balusters and square balcony corner  
posts

Construction Date : 1904  
Architecture Style: Transitional: Late Victorian - Neoclassical  
Statement of Built in 1904 by Harry M. Smith, cashier at the Farmers' and  
Significance: Merchants' Bank, this two-story frame house has remained in  
family hands since. The building combines the asymmetrical massing  
of the Late Victorian period with neoclassical detailing in a  
stylistic expression best described as transitional. It is one  
of the better preserved town houses built along East Walnut Street  
for the upper-middle class around the turn of the century - one  
of the nicer homes remaining in the study area.

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References: 1910 and 1933 Sanborn Insurance Maps  
Springfield City Directories, 1903-1930  
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